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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage 'maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank' assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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MILITARY TRAINING AREA (43-02N 044-43E)

ORDZHONIKIDZE, SEVERO-OSETINSKAYA ASSR, USSR NORTH CAUCASUS MD

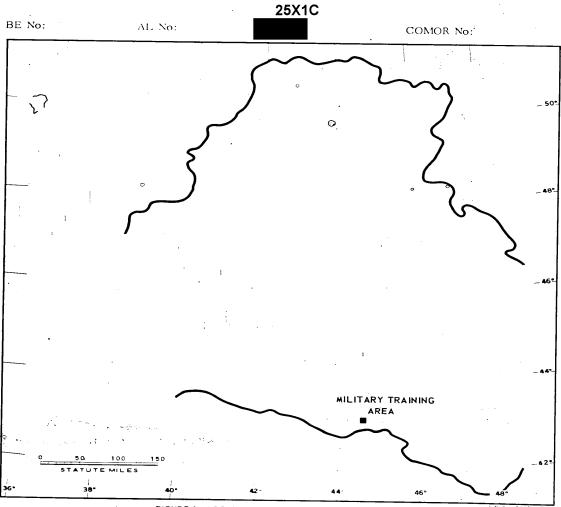
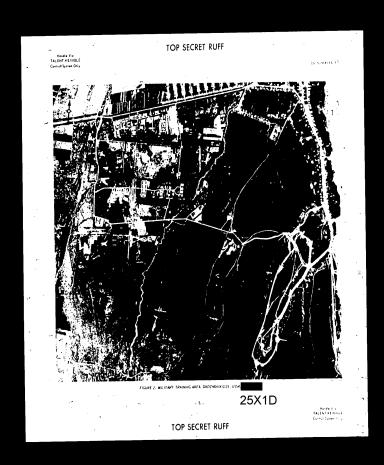


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MILITARY TRAINING AREA.



SUMMARY

A large military training area is located 3 kilometers (km) east of the Ordzhonikidze Railroad Station and 2 km west of the town of Kartsa (Figure 1). The primary function of the installation is probably the training of armored vehicle personnel and support personnel to handle air freight. Two 4-engine transport planes in the area are probably for training in aircraft loading procedures.

This installation covers 1,488 acres and contains 2 administration buildings, 27 bar-

racks/individual housing units, 11 support buildings, 3 vehicle maintenance buildings, 6 ammunition storage buildings, 16 general storage buildings, 17 unidentified buildings, an athletic field, an abandoned small-arms firing range, 2 flat-trajectory firing ranges (1 is abandoned), and 2 driver-training areas (Figures 2 and 3).

A comparative analysis of photography from these missions reveals no significant change.

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Road Service

The installation has access to the main road between Ordzhonikidze and Kartsa.

Aircraft

Area C contains two 4-engine transport planes.

Administration and Troop Housing Areas

 $\label{eq:Area D1 contains 2 administration buildings} \\ \text{and 3 support buildings.}$

Area D2 contains 2 multistory barracks, 4 barracks, 21 individual housing units, and 6 support buildings.

General Storage Area

Area E contains 16 storage buildings.

Ammunition Storage Area

Area F contains 6 revetted ammunition storage buildings.

Other Buildings and Facilities

Area H contains 17 unidentified buildings. A possible security fence surrounds the area. A network of good hard-surface roads serves this area.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 contains 2 vehicle maintenance buildings, each 175 by 35 feet, and 2 support buildings. This is the main motor pool area.

Area J2 contains 1 vehicle maintenance building, 160 by 40 feet. This is a small motor pool area.

Athletic Field

Area K is an oval athletic field, $450\ \mathrm{bv}\ 230$ feet.

Small-Arms Firing Range

Area L is an abandoned small-arms firing range, 1,200 by 750 feet.

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Driver-Training Areas

Area M1 is a figure-8 wheeled-vehicle driver-training area.

Area M2 is an irregular, tracked-vehicle driver-training area.

Flat-Trajectory Firing Ranges

Area P1 is a 3,280-foot firing range with approximately 8 targets. This firing range has been abandoned.

Area P2 is a 1,300 to 2,000-foot firing range with approximately 9 targets. The firing range is used for tracked vehicles. This range is outside the area shown in Figure 3.

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